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The SPECTATOR.

Per Ambages & Miniſteria Deorum
Præcipitandus eſt liber Spiritus. Pet.

Friday, May 30. 1712.

To the SPECTATOR.

The Transformation of Fidelio *into a Looking-Glaſs.*

I Was lately at a Tea-Table, where ſome young Ladies entertained the Company with a Relation of a Coquet in the Neighbourhood, who had been diſcovered practiſing before her Glaſs. To turn the Diſcourſe, which, from being witty grew to be malicious, the Matron of the Family took Occaſion, from the Subject, to wiſh that there were to be found amongſt Men ſuch faithful Monitors to dreſs the Mind by, as we conſult to adorn the Body. She added, that if a ſincere Friend were miraculouſly changed into a Looking-Glaſs, ſhe ſhould not be aſhamed to aſk its Advice very often. This whimſical Thought worked ſo much upon my Fancy the whole Evening, that it produced ſo odd a Dream, that no one but the SPECTATOR would believe that the Brain, clogged in Sleep, could furniſh out ſuch a regular Wildneſs of Imagination.

Methought, that as I ſtood before my Glaſs, the Image of a Youth, of an open ingenuous Aſpect, appeared in it; who with a ſhrill Voice ſpoke in the following Manner.

'The Looking-Glaſs you ſee, was heretofore a Man, even I, the unfortunate *Fidelio*. I had two Brothers, whoſe Deformity in Shape was made more by the Clearneſs of their Underſtanding: It muſt be owned however, that (as it generally happens) they had each a Perverſneſs of Humour adjuſtable to their Diſtortion of Body. The eldeſt, whoſe Belly ſunk in monſtrouſly, was a great Coward; and though his ſplenetick contracted Temper made him take Fire immediately, he made Objects that beſet him appear greater than they were. The ſecond, whoſe Breaſt ſwelled into a bold Relievo, on the contrary, took great Pleaſure in leſſening every thing, and was perfectly the Reverſe of his Brother. Theſe Oddneſſes pleaſed Company once or twice, but diſguſted when often ſeen: For which Reaſon the young Gentlemen were ſent from Court, to ſtudy Mathematicks at the Univerſity.

'I need not acquaint you, that I was very well made, and reckoned a bright, polite Gentleman. I was the Confident and Darling of all the Fair; and if the Old and Ugly ſpoke ill of me, all the World knew it was becauſe I ſcorned to flatter them. No Ball, no Aſſembly was attended till I had been conſulted. *Flavia* coloured her Hair before me, *Celia* ſhewed me her Teeth, *Panthea* heaved her Boſom, *Cleora* brandiſhed her Diamond; I have ſeen *Chloe's* Foot, and tied artificially the Garters of *Rhodope*.

'Tis a general Maxim, that thoſe who doat upon themſelves, can have no violent Affection for another: But on the contrary, I found that the Womens Paſſion for me roſe in Proportion to the Love they bare to themſelves. This was verified in my Amour with *Narciſſa*, who was ſo conſtant to me, that it was pleaſantly ſaid that had I been little enough, ſhe would have hung me at her Girdle. The moſt dangerous Rival I had, was a gay empty Fellow, who by the Strength of a long Intercourſe with *Narciſſa*, joined to his natural Endowments, had formed himſelf into a perfect Reſemblance with her. I had been diſcarded, had ſhe not obſerved that he frequently aſked my Opinion about Matters of the laſt Conſequence: This made me ſtill more conſiderable in her Eye.

'Though I was eternally careſſed by the Ladies, ſuch was their Opinion of my Honour, that I was never envyed by the Men. A jealous Lover of *Narciſſa* one Day thought he had caught her in an amorous Converſation; for though he was at ſuch a Diſtance that he could hear nothing, he imagined ſtrange things from her Airs and Geſtures. Sometimes with a ſerene Look ſhe ſtep'd back in a liſtening Poſture, and brightened into an innocent Smile. Quickly after ſhe ſwelled into an Air of Majeſty and Diſ-

'dain,

‘ dain, then let her Eyes half ſhut after a languiſh-
‘ ing Manner, cover'd her Bluſhes with her Hand;
‘ breath'd a Sigh, and ſeemed ready to ſink down.
‘ In ruſhed the furious Lover, but how great was
‘ his ſurpriſe to ſee no one there but the innocent
‘ *Fidelio*, with his back againſt the Wall betwixt
‘ two Windows.

‘ It were endleſs to recount all my Adventures.
‘ Let me haſten to that which coſt me my Life,
‘ and *Narciſſa* her Happineſs.

‘ She had the Misfortune to have the Small-Pox,
‘ upon which I was expreſsly forbid her ſight; it
‘ being apprehended that it would increaſe her
‘ Diſtemper, and that I ſhould infallibly catch it at
‘ the firſt Look. Aſſoon as ſhe was ſuffer'd to leave
‘ her Bed, ſhe ſtole out of her Chamber, and found
‘ me all alone in an adjoyning Apartment. She
‘ run with tranſport to her Darling, and without
‘ Mixture of Fear, leaſt I ſhould diſlike her. But,
‘ oh me! What was her Fury when ſhe heard me
‘ ſay, I was afraid and ſhock'd at ſo loathſome a
‘ Spectacle. She ſtep'd back, ſwollen with Rage,
‘ to ſee if I had the Inſolence to repeat it. I did
‘ with this Addition, that her ill-timed Paſſion
‘ had increaſed her Uglineſs. Enraged, Inflamed,
‘ Diſtracted, ſhe ſnatch'd a Bodkin, and with all
‘ her force ſtab'd me to the Heart. Dying I pre-
‘ ſerved my Sincerity, and expreſs'd the Truth,
‘ though in broken Words; and by reproachful
‘ Grimaces to the laſt I mimick'd the Deformity
‘ of my Mureresſs.

‘ *Cupid*, who always attends the Fair, and pity'd
‘ the Fate of ſo uſeful a Servant as I was, obtained
‘ of the *Deſtinies*, that my Body ſhould remain In-
‘ corruptible, and retain the Qualities my Mind
‘ had poſſeſs'd. I immediately loſt the Figure of
‘ Man, and became ſmooth, poliſh'd, and bright,
‘ and to this Day am the firſt Favourite of the
‘ Ladies.

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